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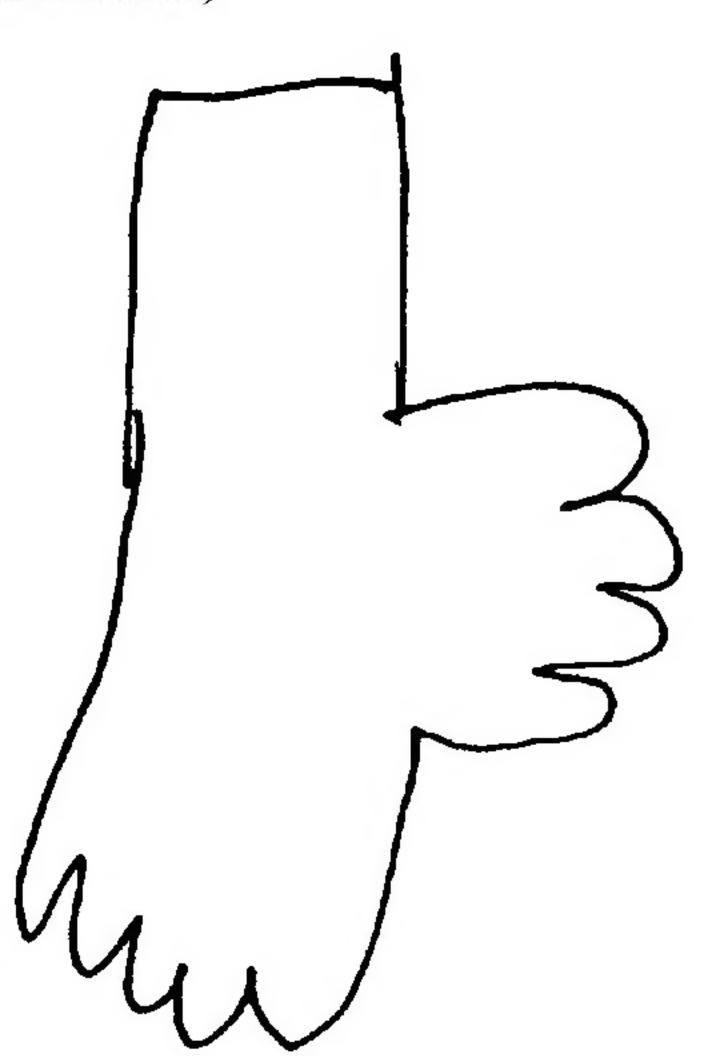
"a foole knowes more in their own house, then a wise man in anothers"

A BETTER DOOK THAN A WINDOW

Well, we did it. When it turned from 1998 to 1999, that was pretty futuristic (because of Prince). Then when it turned from 1999 to 2000, that was also pretty futuristic and weirdly dire (because of a variety of factors including the y2k bug, which was a cool idea at least). At 2001 it was futuristic (because of Arthur C Clake x Stanley Kubrick, also because we were inarguably in the 21st century) and at 2002 it was futuristic because we first started to get the feeling that the future, no matter how weird, can also be totally regular and boring. Then there was a few years where this rode out, and we just bounced on this feeling. 2010 had a glimmer of future feeling, because of the 2001 sequel (which I never saw, is it good?). 2011 was weird because we were hanging out waiting for 2012 (sort of ashamed to say this but let's own up and say that we were all expecting Quetzalcoatl (or variant)). THEN it was 2012 and everyone, silently to themselves or out loud over and over to great here we are, undoubtably "in it". Pretty cool! Hope everyone's got their future suits on, it's go time! Q: What is a future suit? A: Dealer's choice.

OH YA / TIME TRAVEL

OH YA and it's only "2013" in the Gregorian calendar. If you're writing checks in/for other countries/systems, please use the following chart (also applicable if you want to instantly time travel to, for instance, Korea 4346):



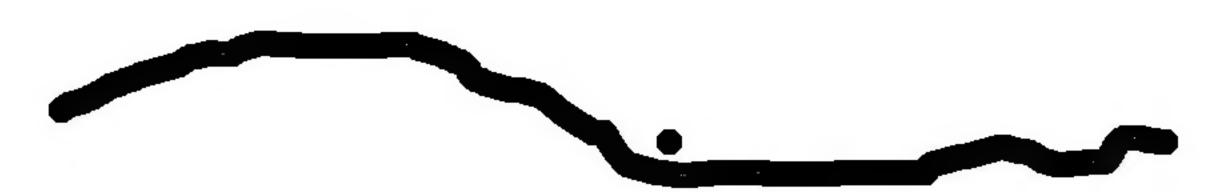
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Vikram Samvat - 2069-2070 Shaka Samvat - 1935-1936 Kali Yuga - 5114-5115 Holocene - 12013 Iranian - 1391–1392 Islamic - 1434–1435

Korean - 4346

Thai solar - 2556 Unix time - 1356998400-1388534399

NB: The Holocene calendar adds exactly 10,000 years to the Gregorian calendar, putting year zero at the beginning of the Holocene Era, the early years of the current non-ice age, and the dawn of the Neolithic Age (when humanity really started poppin off). In other words, it starts at a globally massive epoch event, which, even if you believe in Christ's redeeming factors, is still bigger than (or at least the same size as) Jesus (who was born in 4BC anyway).



THE MYTHOLOGY OF IT

January is named after Janus, god of beginnings, transitions, gates, doors, doorways, endings and time. Janus (in Latin, Ianus) in turn was named for the verb hiantem, to be open; nominative singular: hiānsgaping, yawning, being actively open, subtraction of the aspiration. Scholars debate this interpretation, based on the fundamental attribution of Janus, which is that he presided over the beginning of things, and how can you have a beginning that starts by making (or being) a yawning negative? Or by withdrawing an essence from an area? Hahaha what a dumb question, scholars! Get your heads out of your asses! Everyone knows you have to break it to make it...

FURTHERMORF

Janus also shares a root with the Indo-European word "Yāna", which means "going", though it is commonly used in Buddhist teachings to mean "vehicle" (in regards to one's method of spiritual practice, or to the practice itself, in that a path can be a destination). These concepts might seem at odds (void, vehicle), but not if you think of movement as a folding of spacetime. The Mahāparinibbāna Sutta of Shakyamuni Buddha illustrates this more clearly:

1.33 And then the Lord came to the River Ganges. And just then, the river was so full that a crow could drink out of it. And some people were looking for a boat, and some were looking for a raft, and some were binding together a raft of reeds to get to the other side. But the Lord, as swiftly as a strong man might stretch out his flexed arm or flex it again, vanished from this side of the Ganges and reappeared with his order of monks on the other shore.

1.34 And the Lord saw those people who were looking for a boat, looking for a raft, and binding together a raft of reeds to get to the other side. And seeing their intentions, he uttered this verse on the spot:

When they want to cross the sea, the lake or pond, People make a bridge or raft - the wise have crossed already.'



Robert Rauschenberg

FURTHERMORE PT 2

Other words similar to Janus include: in, include, junction, join, genius, genesis, Ganesha (Lord of Beginnings, Lord and Remover of Obstacles), yonic, and janky ("like a door come partially off a hinge").

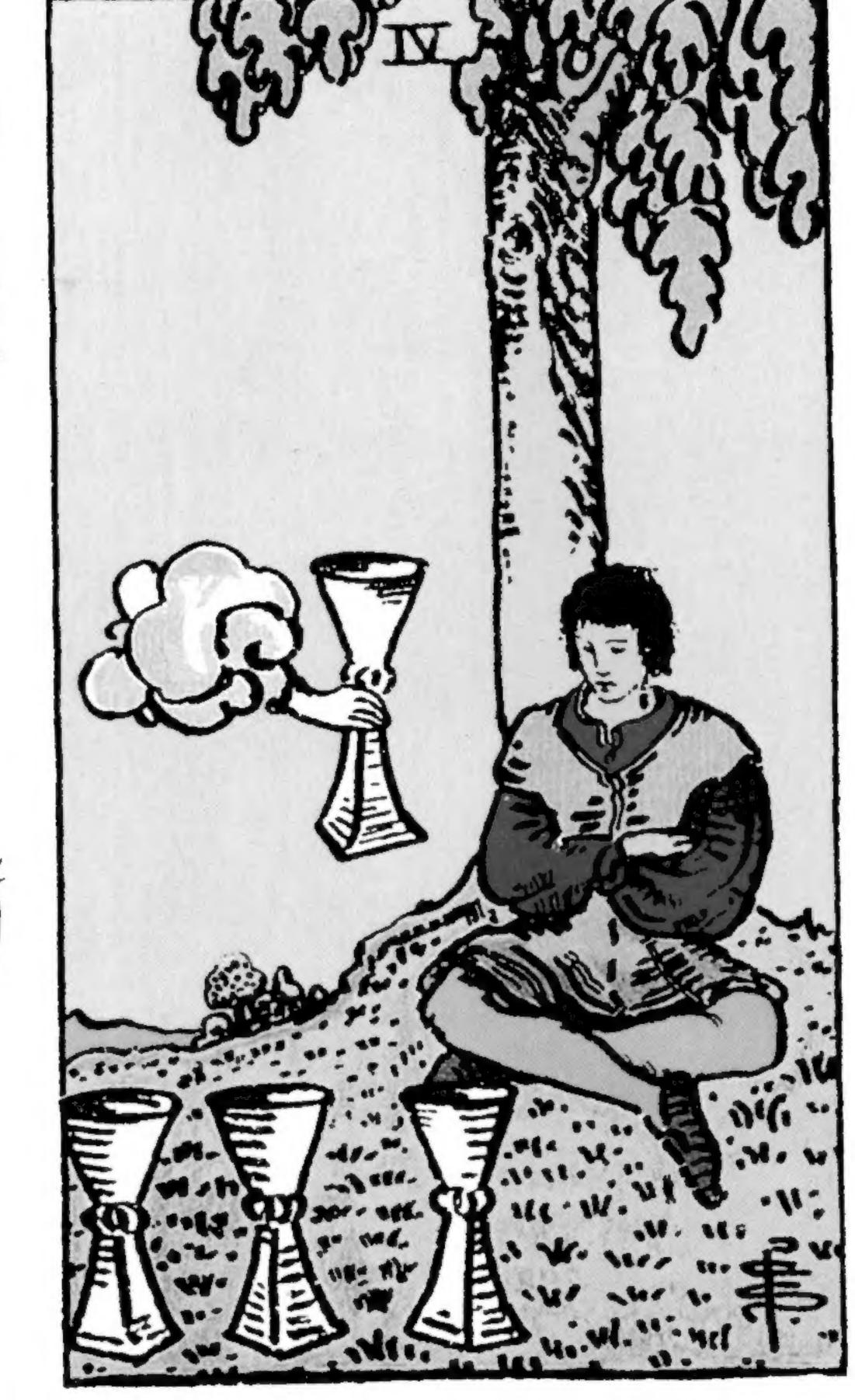
Speaking of hinges, January's birth flower is the Carnation, which is named after Carna, Roman goddess of the hinge. Carnations give their name to the famous breakfast milkshake company, and are worn on Mothers Day as symbol of a mother's undying love. Boy, talk about a generative withdrawal!

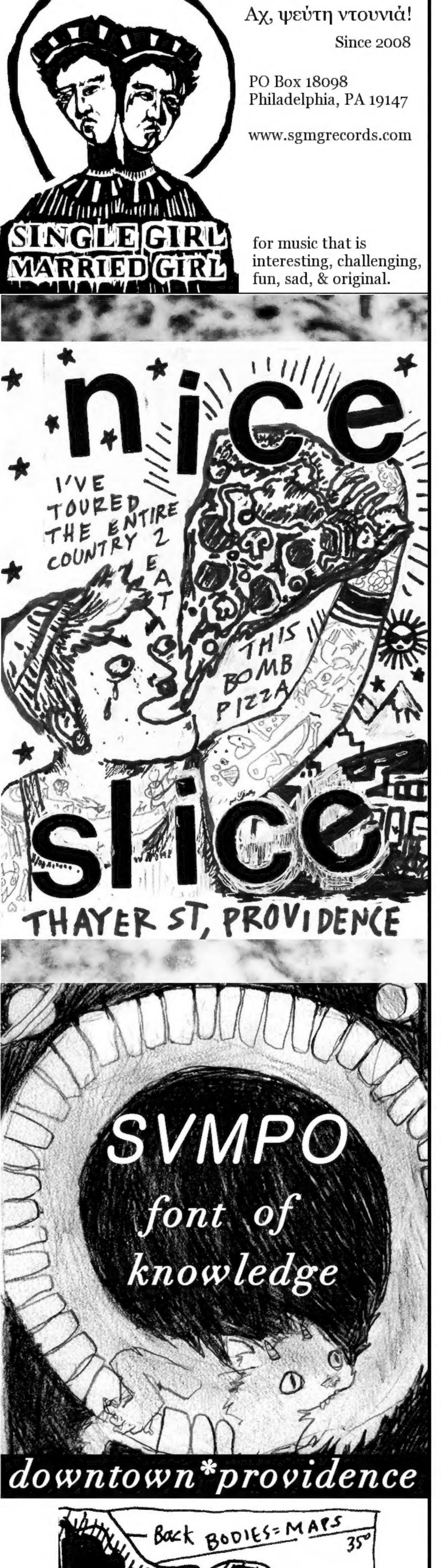
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January 1st is New Year's Day, the day after New Year's Eve. You should have your new year's resolutions in gear by now, but if you're stuck why not join the Mothers News editorial staff in our annual tradition of deciding that this is the year we all start flossing our teeth and doing 100 stomach crunches every morning?

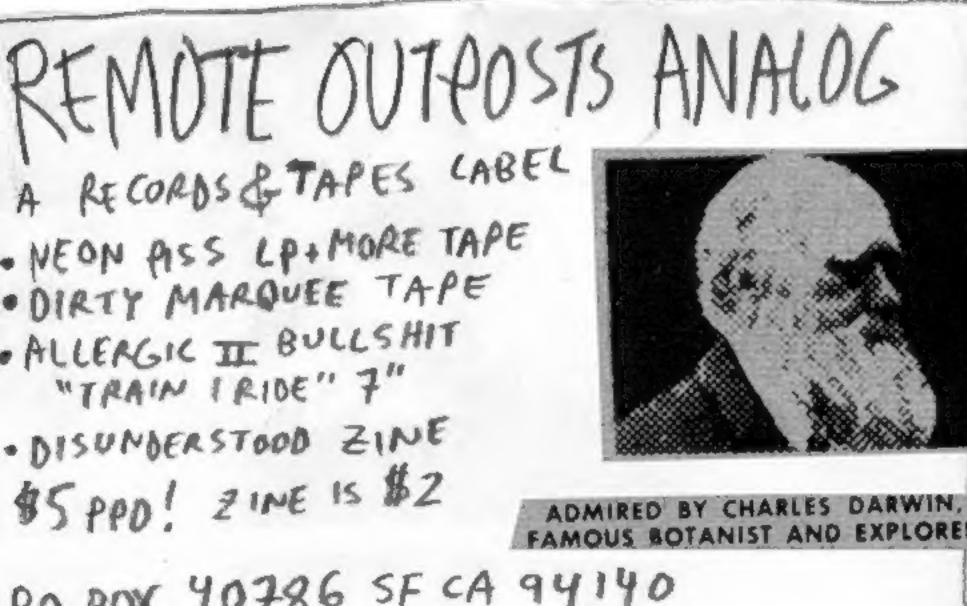
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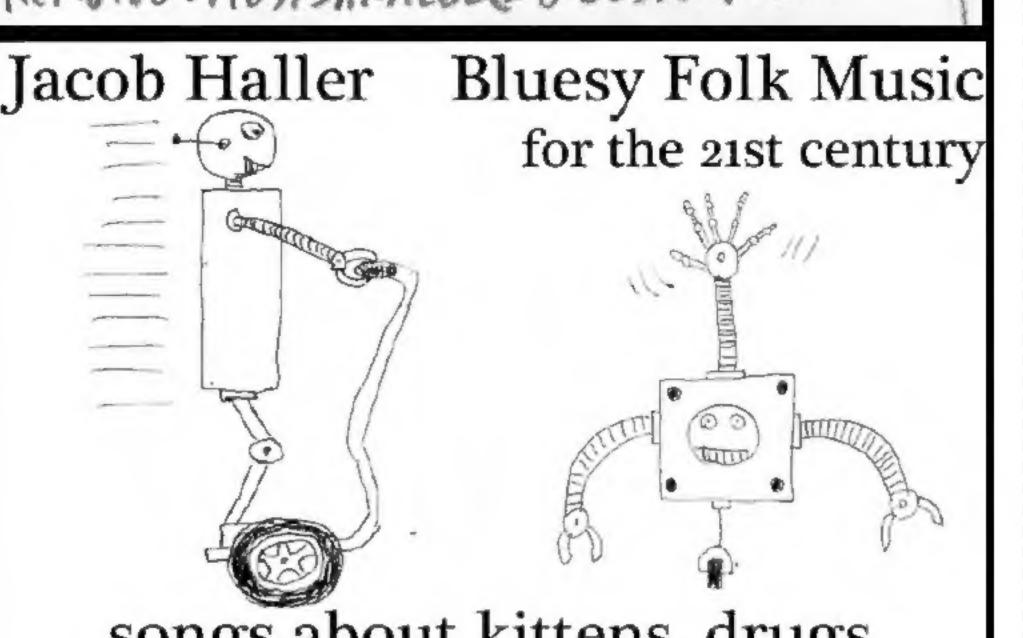








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10. WIKIPEDIA PAGE ON SANDWICHES
- Great page that is going to make you feel weird about the idea "sandwich" and the idea "brown sauce". Hot dog and hambuger are both technically a sandwich, although faithful MN reader DMoore would posit that some hot dogs are tacos and not all tacos are sandwiches.

9. "THE TIGER THAT MAULED A MAN AT THE BRONX ZOO WON'T BE KILLED, ZOO DIRECTOR SAYS THE TIGER 'DID NOTHING WRONG'" (Associated Press headline)

8. SCAM #9 - the new issue of America's greatest zine is an close-up look at the making of Black Flag's "Damaged" LP. Tons of original interviews with basically everyone involved (even Ginn!), offering insights into a bizarre moment in time.

7. NEW LAZY MAGNET LP ON BATHETIC - When are you music journalist nerds going to wake up and write the book-length essay on Lazy Magnet? Aren't you blogger dipshits always looking for obscure pop geniuses with strong personalities and deep catalogs that drift through thousands of musical approaches and bow to none? This is a 100% sincere ask- what's the holdup? Get this nice synth expanse and also I think there's only a few copies left of his epic rock (?) record on Corleone- if you don't have this, get it now!!!! Don't get the cd, get the record! Somehow the record sounds better...

6. TEA - Damn, we always used to drink a cup of tea here or there but late we've really been RUNNING tea! Like tea after tea after tea, endless tea. It's nice to have a hot constant mug of something that doesn't get you zooted. Obviously we're still drinking coffee, still getting zooted.

5. COSMOS - Oh my goddddddd extreme spiritual feelings about this Carl Sagan TV documentary!!!!! Also, isn't is so cool / dumb / cute that our galaxy is called "the Milky Way"?

4. USERNAME: PINBEER - Dylan computertranslated the name of this band as "Khun John Ritter's Harp Gallery", which seems not real, but anyway the band with this youtube channel (youtube.com/user/pinbeer) is incredible! And they don't play shows, only slow moving parades through Thai countrysides and small towns while 100% of the crowd marches alongside, casually dancing and drinking beer. Kids run around, teens flirt, and old people wind their hips while a marching band drum corps accompanies an electric bass and an echodrenched, slo-flanged electric phin (a small guitar with pentatonic frets). No vocals. The bass and phin are pumped through a batterypowered loudspeaker set up on a cart pushed by volunteers, and the sets and long pauseless medleys of old songs and new-- in one of the videos they segue into an instrumental version of "Zombie" by the Cranberries. EVERYONE DANCES! This parade could be your life! Wait, what if "pin" is an alternate romanization of "phin", but "beer" still means beer, and the most important thing about this band is that this instrument will be there and this beverage will be there? Thai readers, please help! Cool party!!!!!

3. NASA spacecraft confirms ice at shadowy north pole of Mercury, closest planet to sun.

2. UNCLE BUCK - better than Home Alone by a mile. As of press time we are unable to confirm or deny that one of the members of Dillinger 4 is in this movie (possibly in the party sequence?). The Indian remake is called "Uncle Bun", and is currently available on Youtube in 5 parts, although I didn't understand it (because I don't speak Malayam).

1. RAV #7 new comic from Mickey Zacchilli. Who will publish the RAV anthology? Who will stack their chips behind a true child of God?

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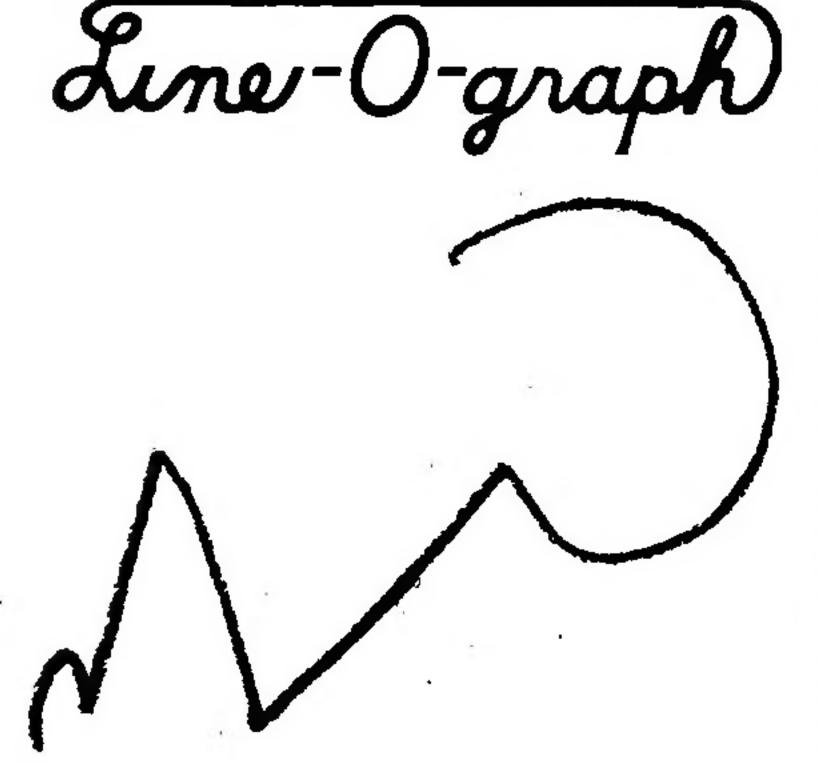


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Current obsession: dinosaurs. Point of fashion: Bouquet. Mothers News reserves the right to language as neccessary or wanted (or for however purpose), in keeping with the beautiful and receptive nature of human (and possibly all) language, and nitpicking pedagogues go cry in a home. That said, we admit to several ongoing errors including but not limited to: occasionally forgetting to capitalize the first word of a sentence, screwing up "it's" and "its", and frequently misspelling "neccessary" and "exercise" (which should tell you alot about where our lives are at). Working on it. Run-on sentencesworking on it, but maybe embracing it rather than eradicating it, tough call. Also, considering that the space needed for us to create the paper was forged by voluntary poverty, we have decided to try and avoid capitalist motifs (like "you look like a million bucks", except when someone looks like a hand-damp medium-sized grey green pile). Probbbbbbbbbbbbbb gonna keep starting 1/10th of all sentences with

O ya, and hey listen, after much internal debate, we've decided to delete our Facebook account- we get way more regular letters in the mail than we get Facebook interactions, and Facebook sucks, so we pulled the plug. If you want to like us from now on, and you want that "like" to be transactional, please send us a letter or postcard. Already we're enjoying our idle moments way more-staring off aimlessly into the world is far preferrable to gazing into a black glass mirror. Also checking the PO box is way better than checking the online personality account, because we can only check the mail once a day, and we have to leave the house. And sometimes the post office smells like air conditioning, sun screen, and cigars. And the post office is too scrambled to successfully mine our data in a meaningful way, market to us, police us, or systematically surveil us the way Facebook does. We realize that even the post office has its flaws-- we're looking for a good hollow tree... O ya and email still works, duh- long live the open internet in all its possibility, glory, confusion, and beauty.

STANDARD STOPPAGE // VISIBLE RENDERING by Ambrose Bierce before he died



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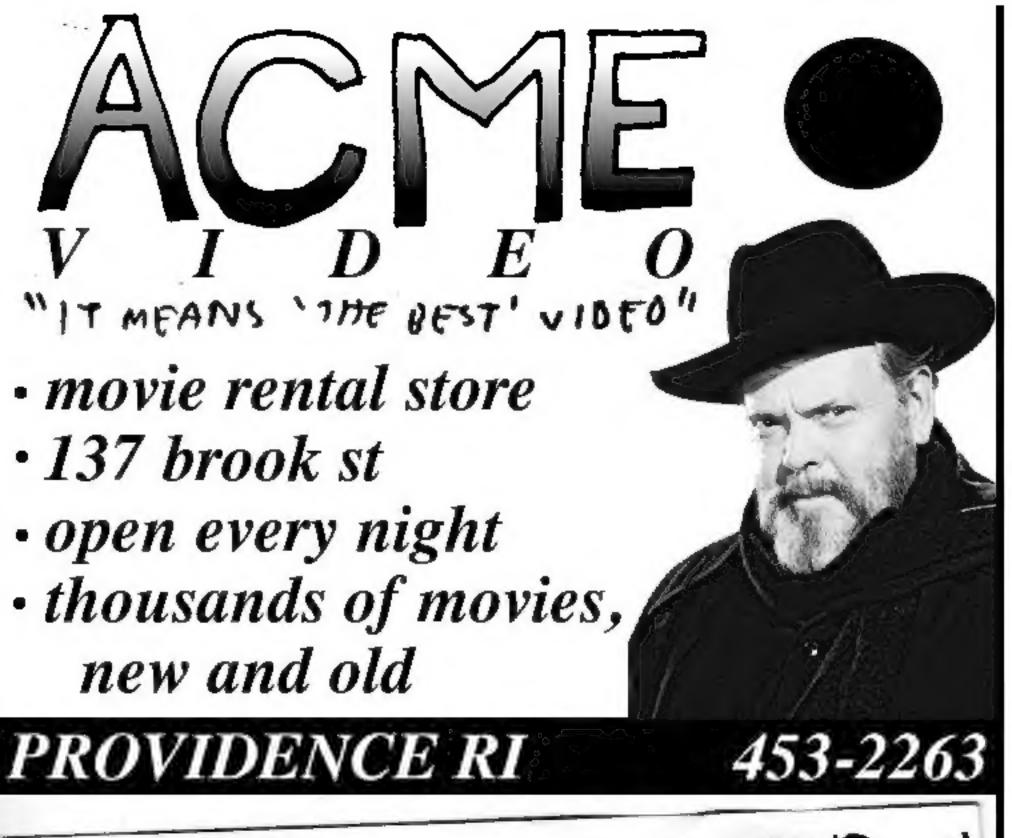
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ONTOYTIRE -The kind of renown most accessible and acceptable to mediocrity. A Jacob's-ladder leading to the vaudeville stage, with angels ascending and descending.

OSINE - The chief product and authenticating sign of civilization.

ROSYCRENTOV - A battle in which spittle or ink replaces the injurious cannon-ball and the inconsiderate bayonet.

weird dude by Mike Leslie



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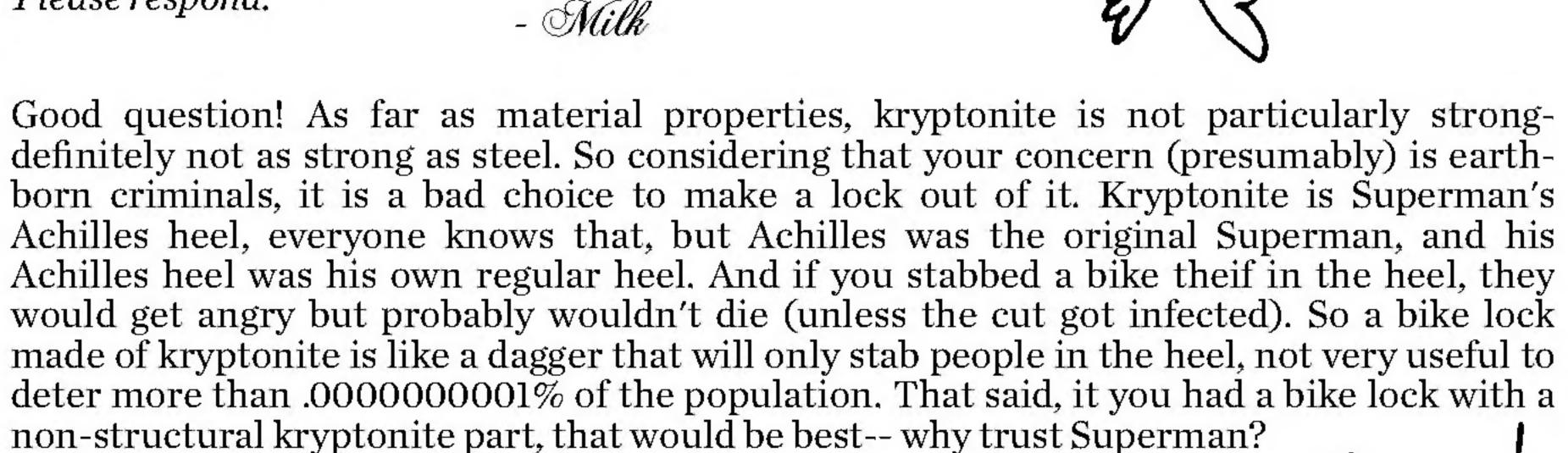
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Dear Tomato Bread-

In places where road traffic goes on the left side (like the UK), do circle pits go clockwise? in the US they tend to go counterclockwise, does this carry throughout the world? i guess i'm more curious than concerned...

Dear Prin-

We contacted a few punks that have toured Europe, their memories indicate that circle pits mostly go counterclockwise the world over, regardless of car traffic direction. A few videos seem to bear this out. Maybe this is because American hardcore set the tone for this? Maybe it's a simple case of right hand dominance? Maybe it's simply a symbol of going "against the clock" in re: "whatever it is I'm against it"? I was unable to reach anyone who toured or lived in South America, Africa, or Australia (or Antarctica), so there's still a chance that they go clockwise there, maybe because of the Coriolis effect, which makes toilets in the Northern and Southern hemispheres flush in different swirl directions, and presumably effects other vectors as well. Only once was I at a punk show with a predominantly South American audience, which was Los Aeropajitas at that place in Boston where the basement was full of palates of hair relaxer. We definitely got a cypher going, but I don't remember which way it went. All I can say is that Los Aeropajitas were INCREDIBLE, they played their entire set twice in a row, and Andean punkers have a GREAT style! Motorcycle boots with shiny metal fronts; bandanas meticulously folded to make the paisey pattern look like horns / weird eyebrows; long, well-maintained pony tails; kind of like a Suicidal Tendencies crowd but big big smiles and not being injurious to others. Top shelf, absolutely top shelf.

dear tomato bread- is it gonna mess up my succulent garden if i use broken gi joes instead of gravel? lillian

Dear Lillian, I don't think so.

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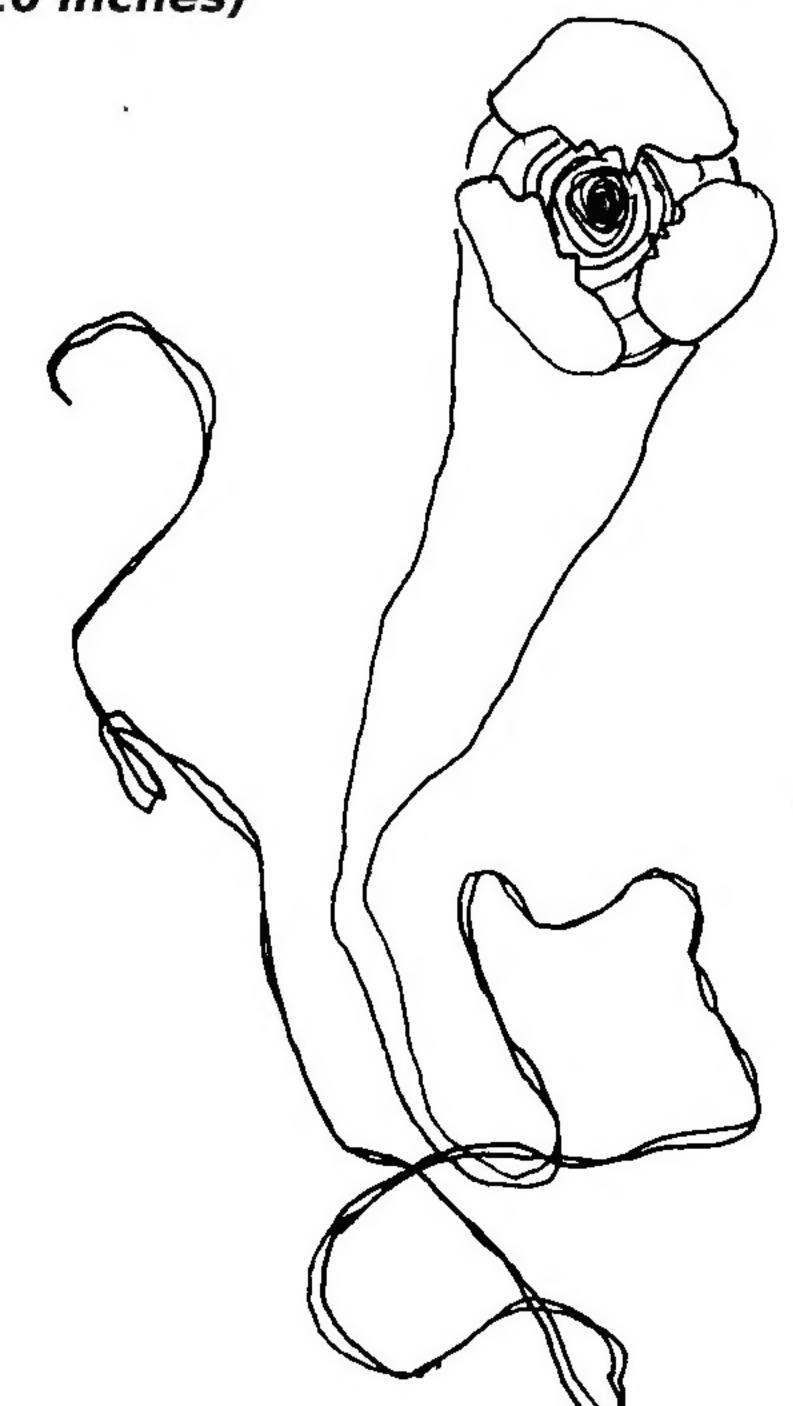
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INVERTEBRATE OF THE MONTH

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ASCARIS SUUM

a.k.a Large Roundworm Of Pigs (16 inches)



At the beginning of this worm's life, when it is in a state of becoming, and still just a handful of cells, most of those cells will systematically destroy whole chunks of their DNA that they won't be needing to become whatever part of the body they're going to be. This is definitely not allowed in most animals (standard practice is to keep the entire genome in every cell) but I think it's fun!

(The only cells in the Ascaris Suum that don't throw anything out are the ones that will become sperms or eggs, because one day those cells will make a new whole worm; a worm which will need to have DNA to throw out.)

This harks back to one of my favorite subway reading styles, which is when the women on the A train with the mega thick pulp paperbacks tear off the whole part of the book they already read, and throw it in the trash on their way out of the station.









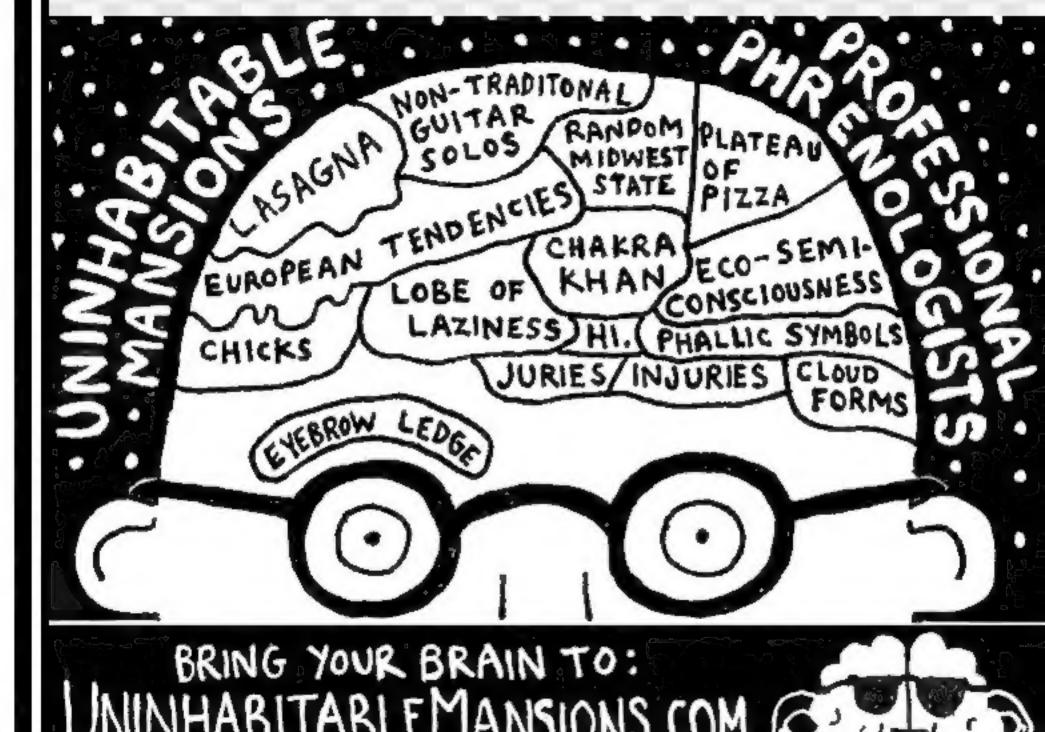




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


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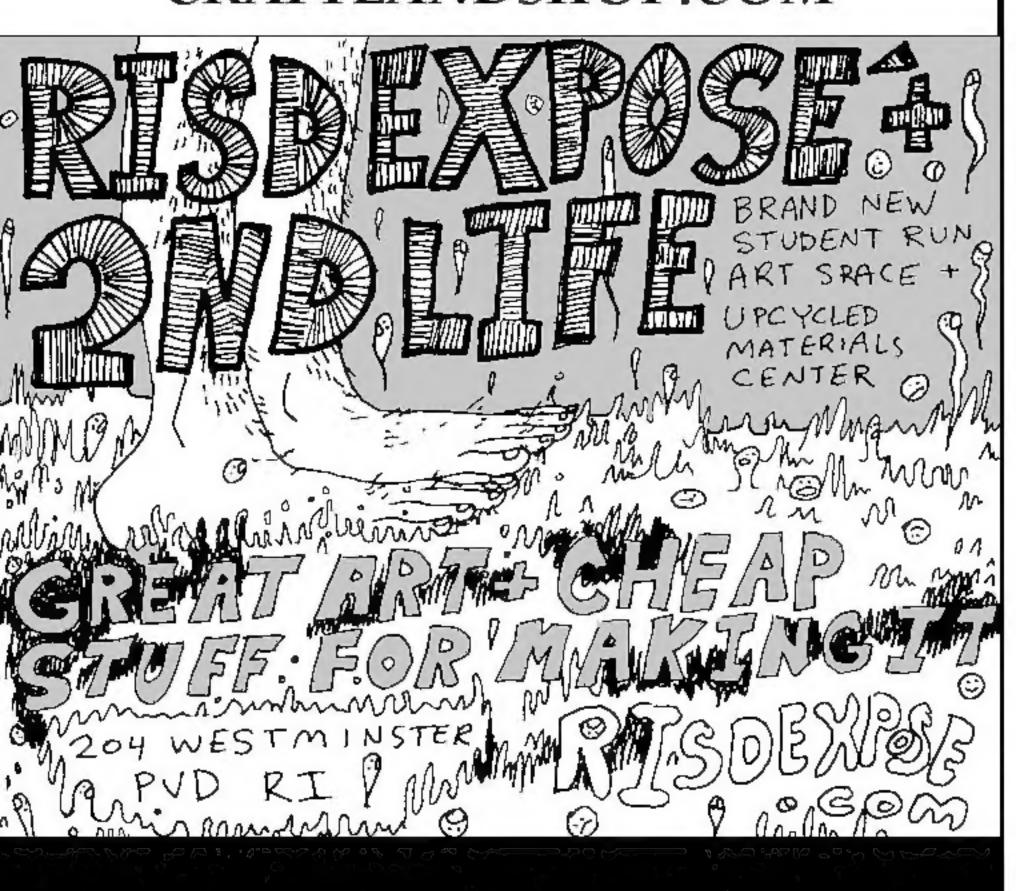
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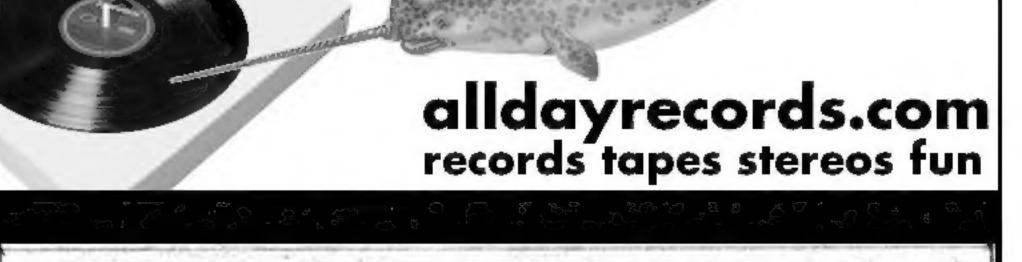
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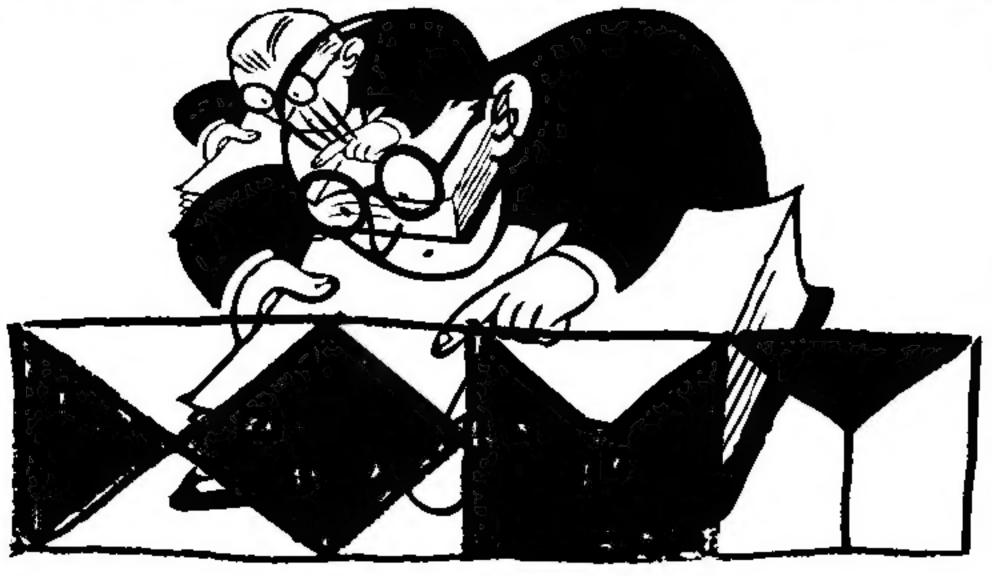
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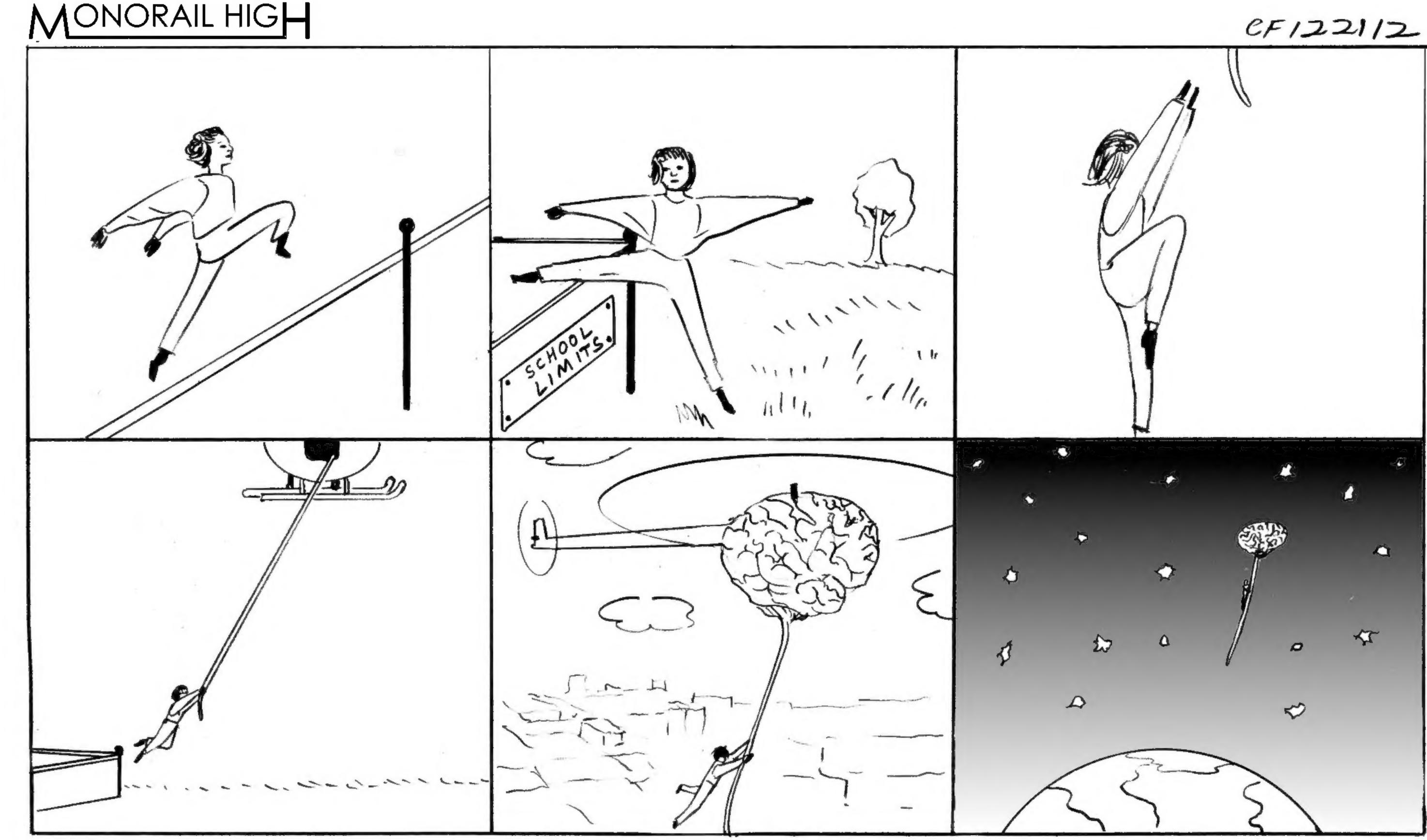
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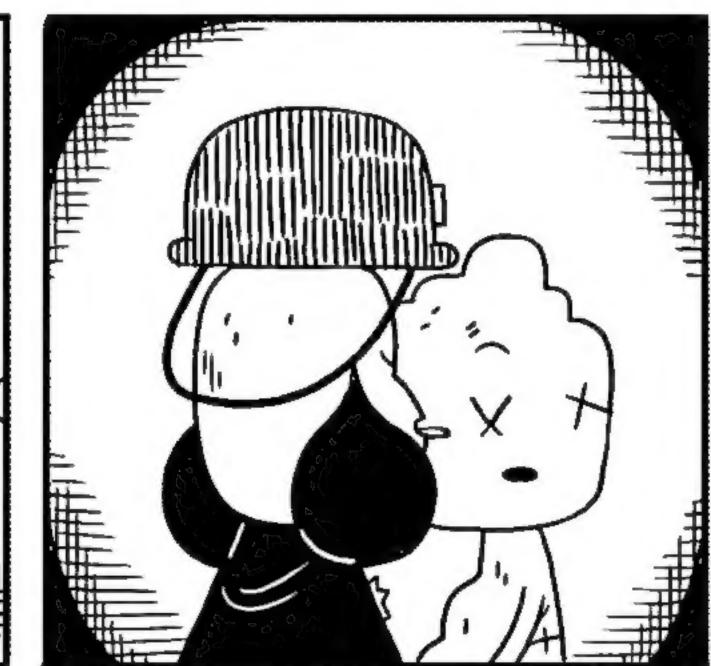
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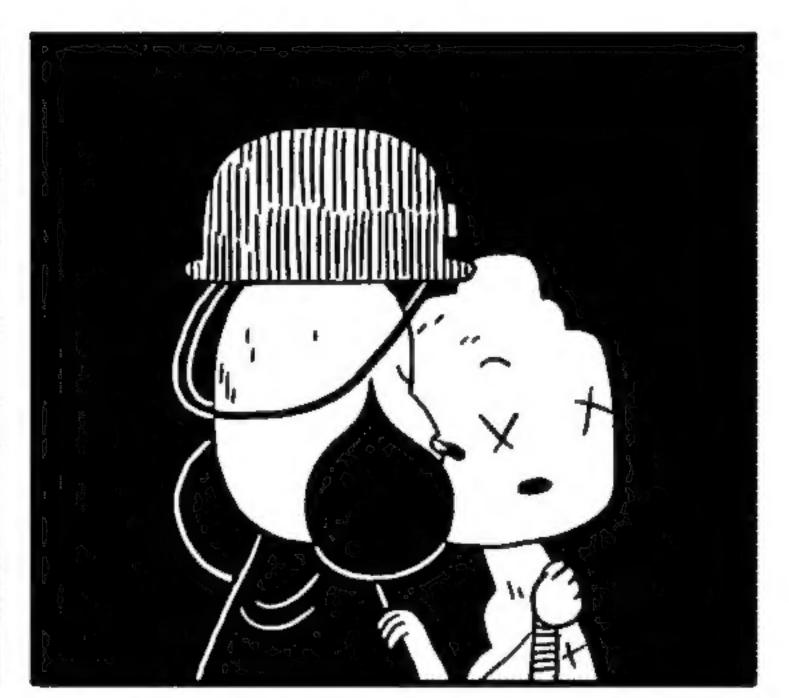


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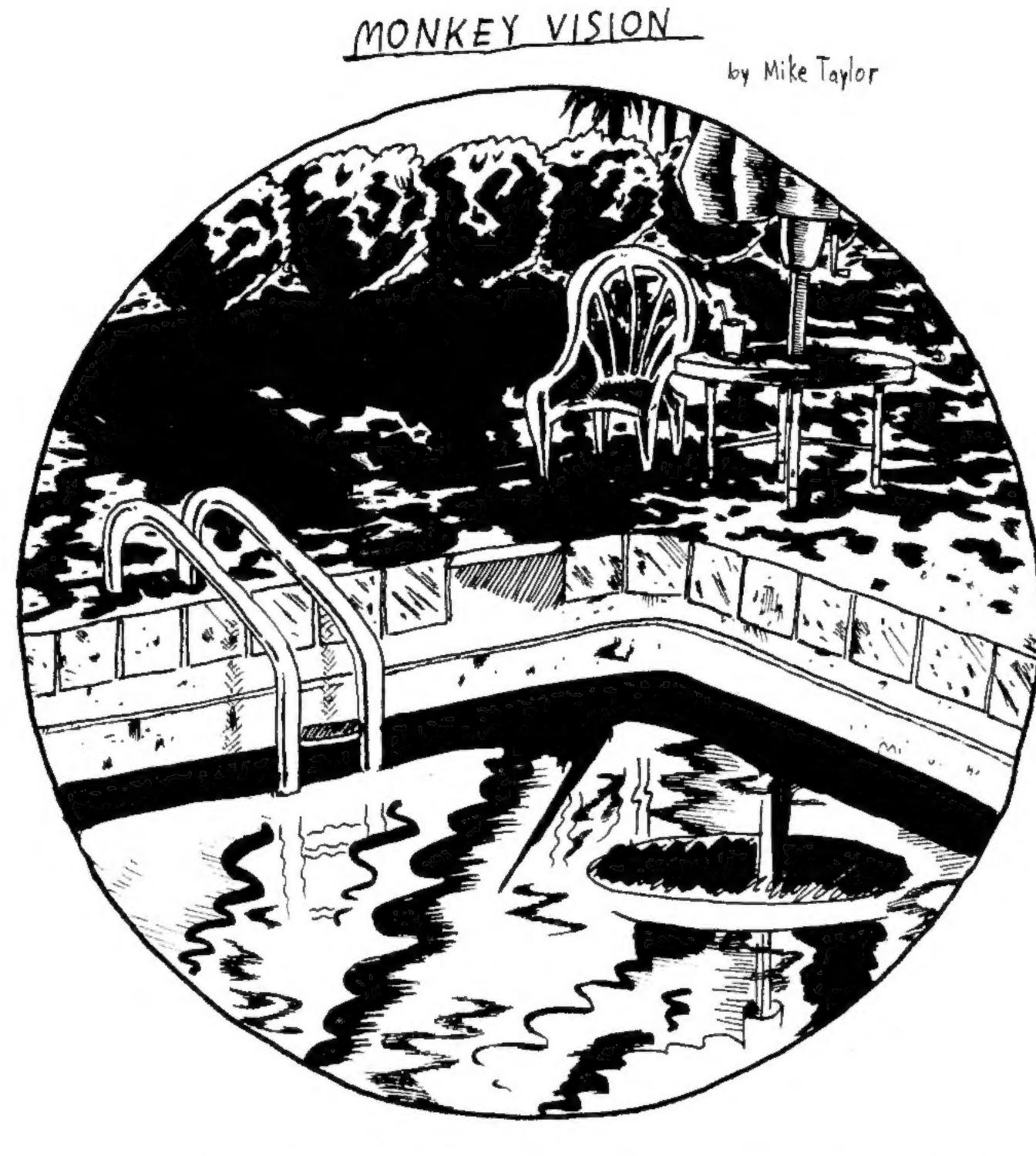












IT'S JUST HUMAN NATURE TO IGNORE THE CORPSE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE POOL.



THE SAINT by Kate Schapira

And the same for the foreigners who come to us. "Born on the boat and everything," said Charlie. Anxious boys invoke swollen waters and vomiting at sea. Can set the standard high along the mast.

Two boys do the same: one's a saint, one's an immigrant. The country works them hard, eventually cracks their double hearts on natural and manmade stone. Boys inherit the lit living room floating on a sea of darkness.

THE SAINT OF IMMIGRATION

Keep what you've always known in steerage, far from what you were told. Forgetting that you were told everything.

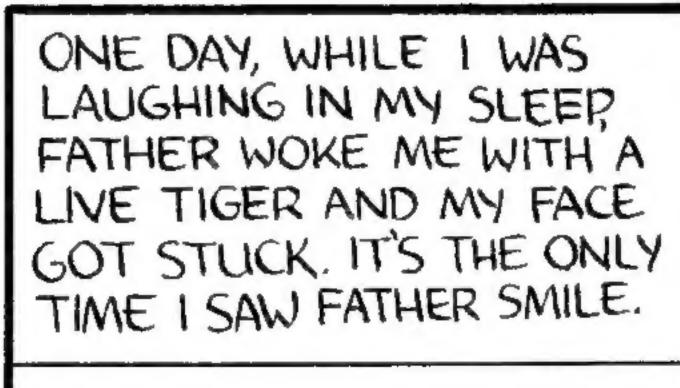


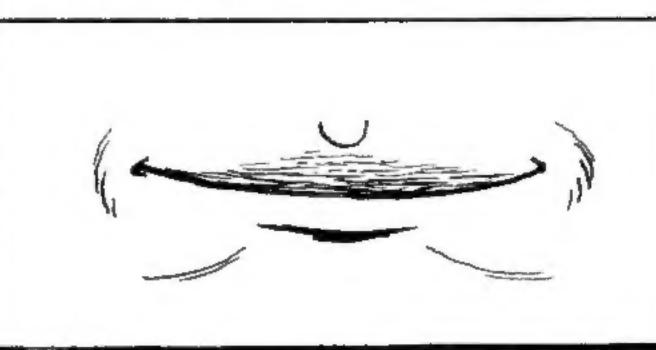
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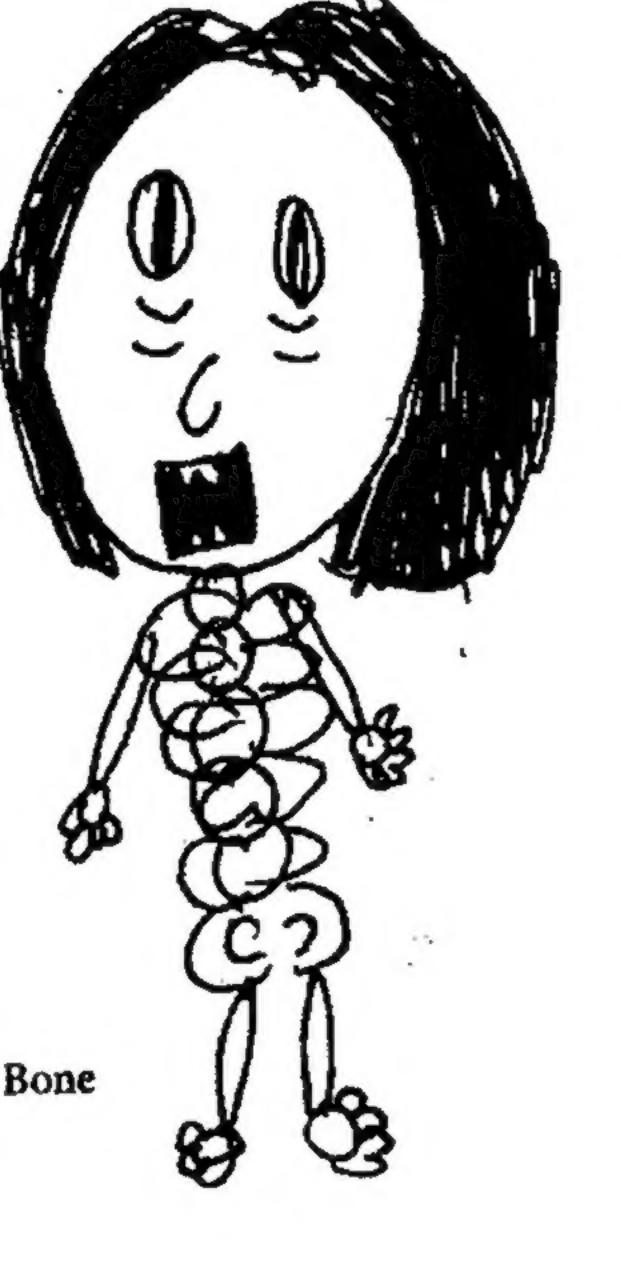
HEIGHT: 4 feet WEIGHT: 45 pounds HOMEBASE: Graveyard POWERS: Laser eyes, biting WEAKNESS: The sun

WANTS: To have twins FEARS: Dogs and archeologists

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FRIENDS: Zombie and Kenneth Bone

ENEMIES: Mad Scientist



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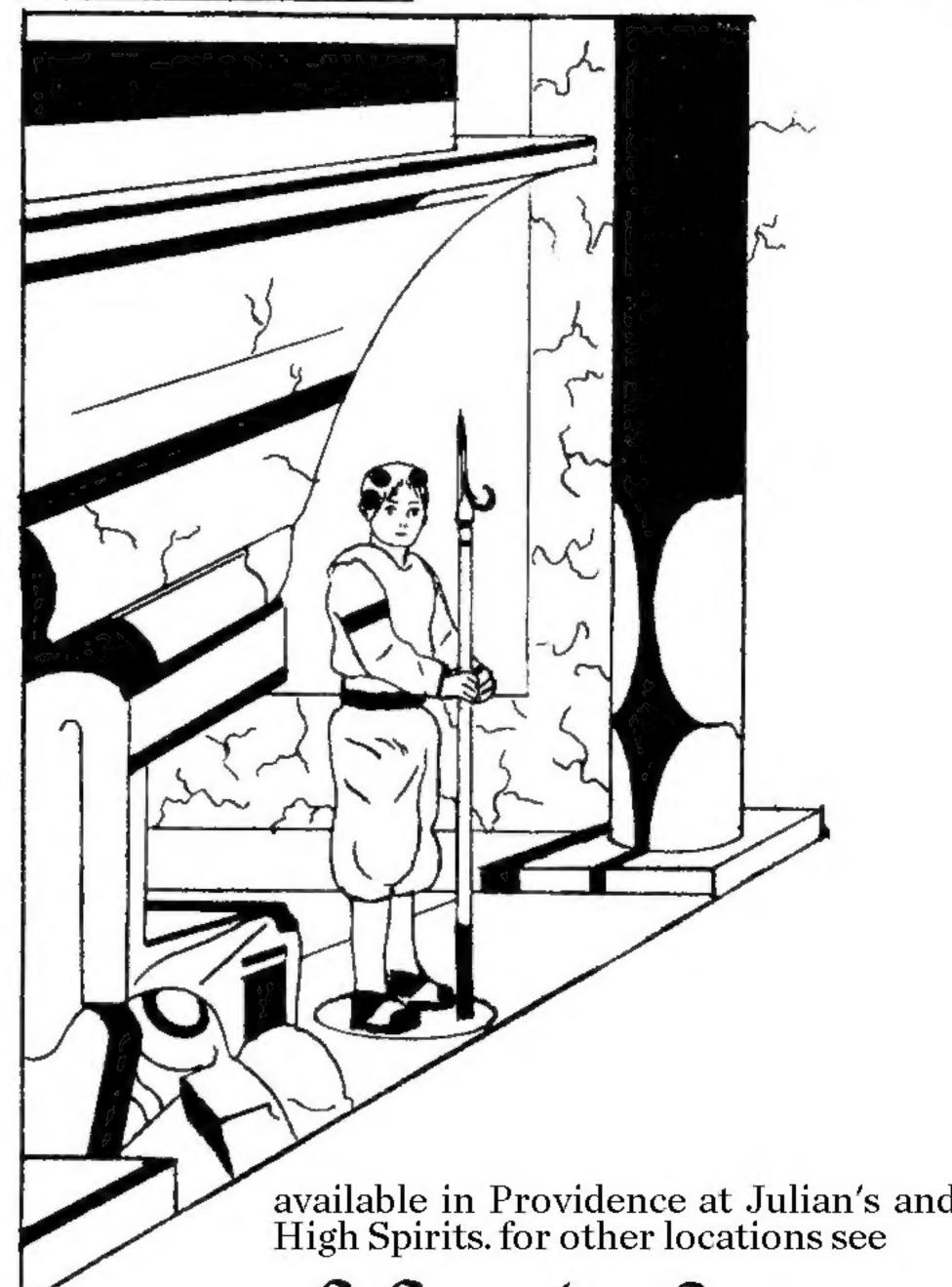


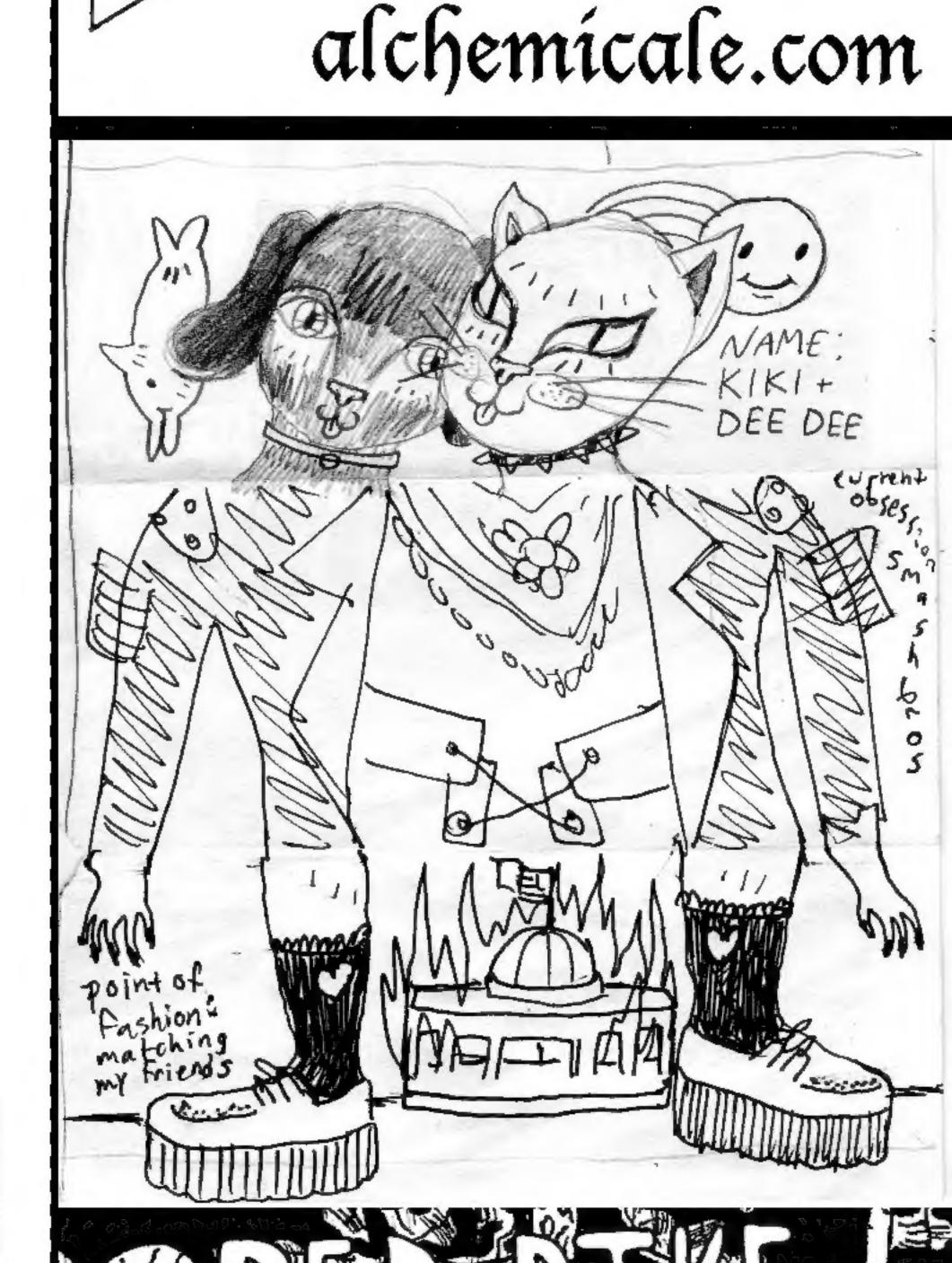
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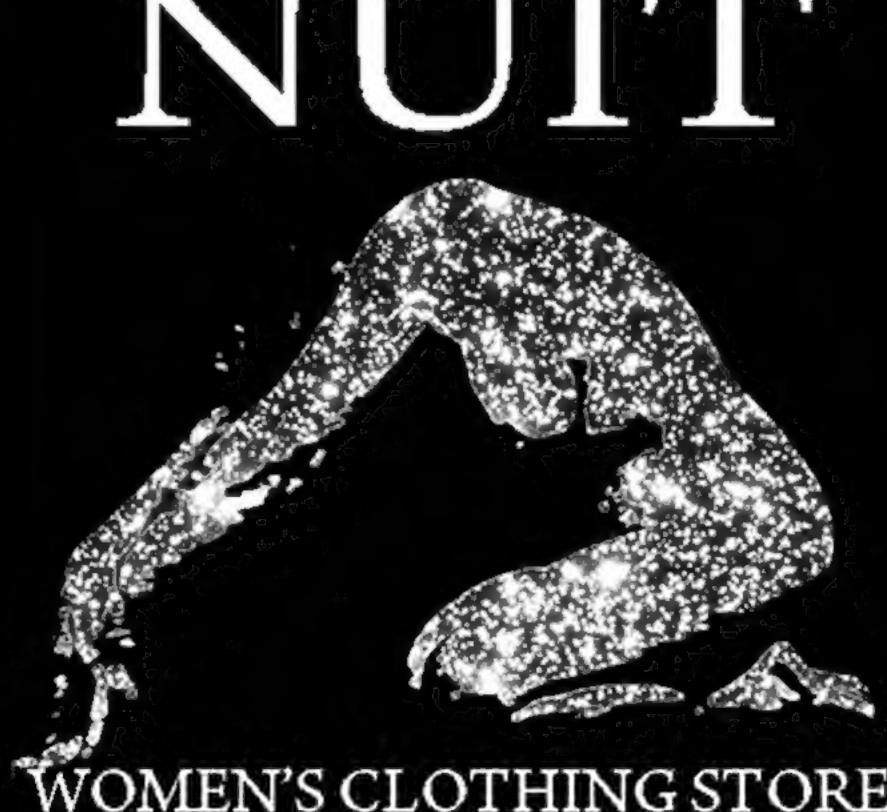
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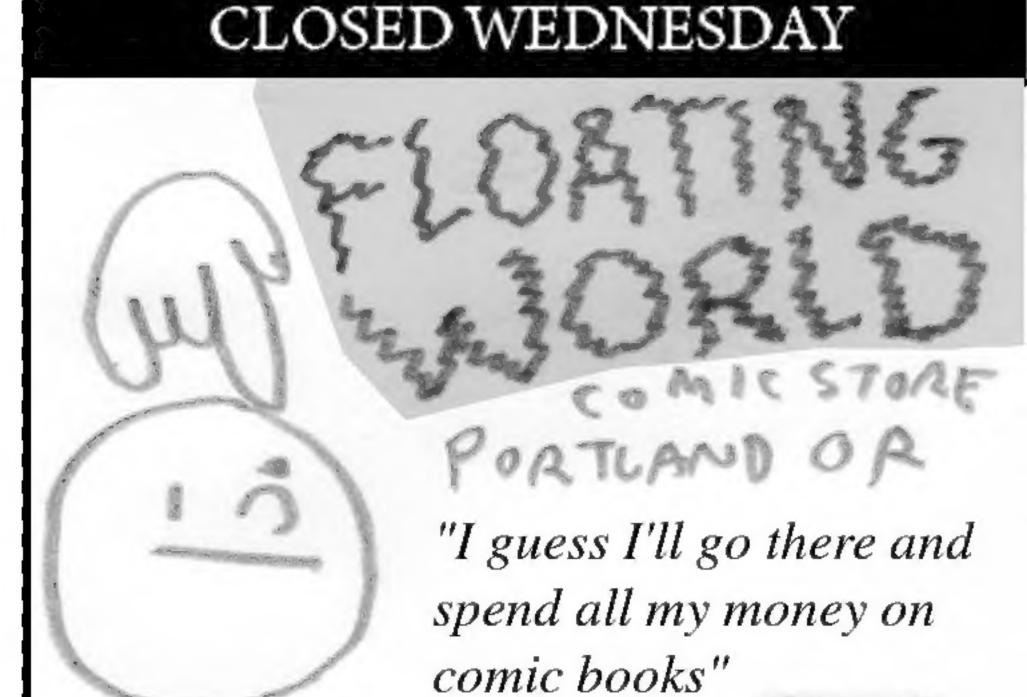




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SCENE REPORT

Publix Parking Lot, Central Florida by Mike Taylor

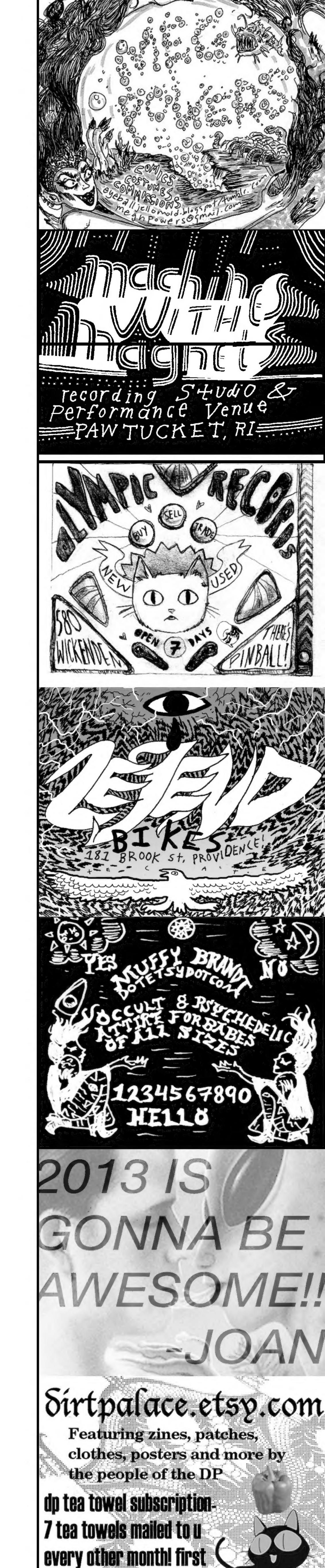
On the 27th evening of December, YOOL 2012, I exited through the silent automatic doors a Publix supermarket on Cypress Gardens Blvd in Winter Haven FL, to an unexpected sky full of vibrant, floral explosions. While my initial aim was to simply experience the flat paved expanse as parallel to the inky blue expanse of sky, to loiter for a moment in the Florida teen night club (parking lots), my timing had brought me to the palm tree-lined precipice of suburbia bordering LegoLand, a new and dubious attraction which supplanted the older, weirder, and considerably less attractive to small children Cypress Gardens, which apparently closes each business day with fireworks.

While many of the bag boys making their rounds of the lot for empty grocery carts seemed completely unfazed by the riotous display, a tow truck driver was seen to slow down, roll down his window, and let with a cheerful "WOO-HOO!". A late model sedan pulled into a parking space dangerously adjacent to my companion and myself, while the four very old people inside sat in silence for a moment, frozen in what appeared to be fear.

The reports of fireworks drowned out the considerable thump of expensive car stereos, competing with one another for aural real estate, and possibly sex, elsewhere in the parking lot.

The display lasted for 10 minutes. There were no injuries.

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